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WASHINGTON, February 22, 1983 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 2,736 in January, compared with 805 in December 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

It was the most orders for freight cars in any month since December 1980, when 4,722 cars were ordered.

A total of 415 cars were placed in service in January, compared with 745 in December and 494 in January 1983.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of February 1 was 5,650, compared with 3,271 on January 1, and 4,301 on February 1, 1983.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 15 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in January, compared with 109 in December and 10 in January of 1983.

As of February 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 85, compared with 91 on January 1 and 30 on February 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on February 1 totaled 25,811, compared with 25,819 on January 1, and 27,053 on February 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	January		December
	1984	1983	1983
Built New by Car Builders	415	440	745
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	54	0
Built New - Total	415	494	745
Rebuilt	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	415	494	745
Locomotives	15	10	109

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,736	501	805
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	2,736	501	805
To be rebuilt	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	2,736	501	805

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	February 1		January 1
	1984	1983	1984 Revised
To be built New by Car Builders	5,650	4,155	3,271
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	146	0
To be built New - Total	5,650	4,301	3,271
To be rebuilt	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	5,650	4,301	3,271
Locomotives	85	30	91

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